

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: Uwe B. SLEYTR et al. :  
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Serial No.: Not yet assigned : Group Art Unit: Not yet assigned  
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For: **METHOD FOR PRODUCING A LAYER:**  
**OF FUNCTIONAL MOLECULES** :

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks

Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above- identified application  
as follows, without prejudice: